GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:142
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2007
TRIBUNAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notification/order/instruction/guideline has been issued by the Government for setting up of a Tribunal for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and also for setting up State Level Expert Appraisal Committees (SLEAC) in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the latest progress made in this matter and the prospective schemes in this regard; and

(d) the details of the composition of the Tribunal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 142 FOR ANSWER ON 22.8.2007 RAISED BY SHRI RAGHUVEER SINGH KOSHAL REGARDING TRIBUNAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(a) & (b): No notification /order/ instruction / guideline has been issued by the Government for setting up of a Tribunal for Environment Impact Assessment (EIA). However, the Government has issued an Environment Impact Assessment Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 which provides for constitution of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee(SEAC) for the States and Union Territories for grant of environmental clearance to Category 'B' Projects listed in the Schedule of the said Notification.

(c) The detailed Proforma Resume has been circulated to all the State Governments/ UT Administrations for sending the nominations for constitution of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) as per the criteria laid down in the EIA Notification, 2006. So far, SEIAA/ SEAC have been constituted for six States namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d) Does not arise.